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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR ASAD -- SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH RABIN

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

1. PLEASE PASS ORAL REPORT BELOW TO PRESIDENCY FOR ASAD FROM ME, AND SEE THAT KHADDAM IS INFORMED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME AFTER HIS RETURN.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE SECRETARY MET FOR THREE HOURS WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN BONN AND WANTS PRESIDENT ASAD AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KHADDAM TO KNOW THAT WHILE SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE ON THE QUESTION OF THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT, THERE STILL ARE SOME VERY DIFFICULT ISSUES TO RESOLVE. RABIN WILL BE MEETING FURTHER WITH HIS CABINET ON SUNDAY TO WEIGH SOME ADDITIONA
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CONSIDERATIONS WE HAD INSISTED UPON. THE DISCUSSIONS WILL THEN BE PURSUED FURTHER WITH THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON AND SUBSEQUENTLY LATER IN THE WEEK WITH PRESIDENT SADAT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

AS THE SECRETARY HAS EMPHASIZED BEFORE, WE WOULD VIEW SUCH AN AGREEMENT AS A POSITIVE STEP GENERATING NEW MOMENTUM TOWARD AN OVERALL PEACE SETTLEMENT, AND SECRETARY'S TALK WITH RABIN THEREFORE ALSO DEALT WITH THE QUESTION OF HOW AN INTERIM AGREEMENT WOULD RELATE TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON THE OTHER

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